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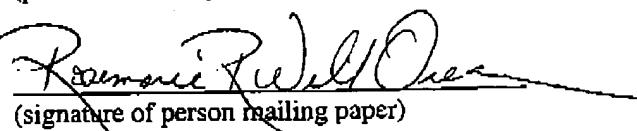
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RESPONSE

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This amendment is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action on the merits mailed August 3, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire November 3, 2004, subject to extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a). A petition for a three (3) month extension of time to increase the period for reply from November 3, 2004, to February 3, 2005, is enclosed herewith to permit timely filing of this Amendment/Response.

The examiner states in the Office Action Summary that claims numbered 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 16 and 28 are pending in the application; claims numbered 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 16 and 28 are rejected; and claims numbered 29-31 are objected to.

Applicant respectfully submits claims numbered 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 16 and 28-31 are pending in the application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, Applicant submits a complete listing of all of the claims ever presented for this pending application.